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POLAND: Regime Braces for Demonstrations

The government is preparing to counter possible demonstrations in response to the legal dissolution of Solidarity, which may be announced as early as today. Riot police already have been deployed in Warsaw, and [REDACTED] many activists have been detained. The authorities have told [REDACTED] that security forces would be placed in factories on Monday to prevent demonstrations. The senior leadership of Solidarity Underground yesterday put out a leaflet advocating no immediate protests to the ban. [REDACTED]

Comment: Some spontaneous protests seem likely in Solidarity's strongholds in Gdansk, Krakow, and Wroclaw. The mood in factories elsewhere in the country is less certain. Although workers generally have not been willing to take part in symbolic demonstrations that could cost them their jobs, the banning of Solidarity is a provocative step. [REDACTED]

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